

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A structure for mounting a shift operation device on a vehicle body, comprising:

5       a support member having a first part to be fixed on the vehicle body, and a second part to support said shift operation device so as to be dropped downwardly with the shift operation device when a larger load than that of a predetermined value is applied to said first part, wherein

10      said first and second parts are integrally formed into a single component, said shift operation device being mounted on the vehicle body via said support member so that the larger load than that of the predetermined value can break and drop the shift operation device.

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2. The structure according to claim 1, wherein:

      said first part is sandwiched on a front and a back thereof by said second part.

20 3. The structure according to claim 2, wherein:

      said first part comprising:

      a notch for downwardly inserting a mounting member for mounting said support member on said shift operation device; and

25      openings with a predetermined diameter disposed at both sides of said notch, wherein

      a plastic material is filled in said notch and said openings,

and

the plastic material filled in said openings breaks away when the larger load than that of the predetermined value is applied to said support member.

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4. The structure according to claim 3, wherein:  
a projection inserted into said notch is integrally formed at a portion of said first part around the notch.

10 5. The structure according to claim 3, wherein:  
at least one of said openings has a hollow opening for filling with the plastic material,  
a positioning pin projecting from a side wall of said shift operation device is inserted into said hollow opening, and  
15 said positioning pin inserted into said hollow opening breaks away when the larger load than that of the predetermined value is applied to said support member.

6. The structure according to claim 4, wherein:  
20 at least one of said openings has a hollow opening for filling with the plastic material,  
a positioning pin projecting from a side wall of said shift operation device is inserted into said hollow opening, and  
said positioning pin inserted into said hollow opening  
25 breaks away when the larger load than that of the predetermined value is applied to said support member.

7. The structure according to claim 3, wherein:  
said second part is formed with a molded plastic; and  
said plastic material used when said second part is formed  
is filled in said notch and said opening.